	Rs.	A.	P.
7. Providing attachment to the boilers for fixing the Inspectors standard pressure	30	0	0
8. Repairs to the 3 kilns	250	0	0
9. Repairs to pug mills	300	0	0
10. Levelling the compound	100	0	0
11. Paving with bricks the engine room, shafting length of the floor south of the place where green jars are stocked ..	532	1	3
12. Extending latrine	285	3	1
13. Office building—repairs	47	2	6
	1,911	2	8

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DRIVER IN THE COCHIN POTTERIES—LEAVE OF

348. Mr. C. K. S. Moni *(Nominated)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether there is any qualified driver in the Cochin Potteries, Chalakkudi;

(*b*) has he taken any leave after the factory has been leased to the present private agency;

(*c*) if the answer is in the affirmative, how many times and for what periods?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) He has taken casual leave occasionally when the Engine Department is not working and sick leave from 10th Thulam 1116/26th October 1940 to 11th Vrischigam 1116/26th November 1940.

FOOD PRODUCTION SCHEME—STARTING OF

349. Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*:

(*a*) is the food produced in the State sufficient to feed the population of the State;

(*b*) if not, will the Government start a food production drive;

(*c*) if so, what is the plan adopted by the Government?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The scheme is contained in the Government Proceedings dated 20th March 1942, P6-16296 of 1117 published in the Gazette dated 21st March 1942.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: Will the Government be pleased to note very seriously that the first step in the development of food production will be drainage and irrigation?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: Yes.

LEASES FOR CULTIVATION OF FOOD CROPS—PARTICULARS REGARDING

350. Mr. C. R. Iyyunny *(Trichur-South)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Government intend to assign or lease lands fit for cultivation for growing paddy and other food-stuffs;

(*b*) what the acreage, if any, so set apart;

(*c*) what are the terms under which they are to be assigned or leased?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) Yes, to lease for a period of 3 years.

(*b*) The exact acreage cannot be ascertained at present.

(*c*) The attention of the Hon'ble Member is invited to the Government Proceedings dated 20th March 1942, P6-16296 of 1117 published in the Gazette dated 21st March 1942.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: In this connection I have subsequently been able to get some information. The Special Tahsildar says that about 7,000 acres of forest exclusions will be available for leasing. The Conservator of Forests informs me that about 6,000 acres of reserve forests have already been leased. Then about 12,000 acres consisting of cattle grazing grounds, village reserves and village *porambokes* will be available. They have started work in ten camps. I understand that they have ratified the distribution of lands made by village committees to the extent of two thousand acres till now.

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Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: May I know the total number of applications received?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: That information is not available. The applications are with the Food Production Commissioner.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: Are the Government aware that the season for tapioca planting is about to be over?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: Even though formal leasing has not taken place yet in all these places, they have been allowed to start planting. The actual ratification will be made subsequently.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: Have any moneys been disbursed?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: No. The applications are being considered.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: If encroachment is allowed more area than 5 acres will be encroached upon. Will the Government get it back?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: Even if a party encroaches upon more than 5 acres the order is in this way. He will be evicted immediately. That portion will be taken from him and leased out to somebody else. So, if a party encroaches and cultivates that land, simply because he has encroached he need not be evicted.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural)*: There is no encroachment. They are allowed to enter.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: Sometimes it so happens that one applicant alone enters into the property and cultivates it without letting other people to know what he has done. What will be the position?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: If the committee has not actually recommended his name then the penalty for encroachment is that he will be evicted soon after the crop is taken, and the land will be given to that party to whom the committee has recommended.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: Will the Government be pleased to carefully watch whether there are pseudo applications? I am told that a particular gentleman has been able to get about 30 acres.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: I do not think we have come across any such instance.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: Will the Government take any action?

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Is it possible to stop these things?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: It is possible.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: Where there are complaints the Hon'ble Minister and the Food Production Commissioner will go and enquire.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: If the money is not disbursed, does not the Government think that cultivation will be put off?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: The Hon'ble member must realise that there will be some difficulty in the matter of advancing money. The local committee can give possession of the land but that is not the position with regard to the disbursement of money.

FOOD PRODUCTION SCHEME—LANDS AVAILABLE FOR CULTIVATION

351. **Mr. L. M. Pylee** *(Latin-Christians-Ernakulam)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the approximate extent of land available for leasing out by the Food Production Department.

(*b*) the extent of it in each revenue village;

(*c*) the names of persons, if any, to whom the leases have been already granted and the extent of land assigned to each lessee?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) It cannot now be accurately given as the extent of uncultivated assigned lands can be ascertained only after Edavam, when the lands are generally cultivated.

(*b*) The question does not arise in view of answer to (*a*).

(*c*) Leases have not yet been commenced.

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